

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

b1
Sub E1
by (d) drying by vacuum the mixture to form solid to form solid micronized particles of the agent dispersed in solid macromolecular material, wherein greater than 90% of the solid particles are less than 1 μ m in diameter.

3. (Amended) The method of claim [2] 1 further comprising encapsulating the solid particles of agent in an encapsulating material.

4. (Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein greater than 90% solid particles are less than 0.2 μ m in [size] diameter.

Please cancel claim 5.

b3 Sub E1
by 6. (Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein greater than 90% of the solid particles are between 10 nm and 1 μ m in diameter.

b4 Sub E1
by 17. (Amended) The method of claim [12] 16 wherein the phase separation technique is selected from the group consisting of solvent extraction, solvent evaporation, and phase inversion.

b5 Sub E1
by 19. (Amended) The method of claim 18 wherein [0 less than δ solvent - δ nonsolvent less than 6] the solvent and non-solvent are slightly miscible.

b6 Sub E1
by 23. (Amended) The method of claim 8 wherein freezing of the mixture is performed [sufficiently rapidly] following addition of the agent to the solution at a rate effective to avoid [such that] denaturing of the protein [is substantially avoided].